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RANTOUL TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Rantoul, Illinois

DEDICATION

TO MR. R. J. WALSTON, WE HEREBY DEDICATE THIS YEARBOOK, AS A MEASURE OF OUR APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE. HE HAS GIVEN SPECIAL AID TO THE UNDERCLASSMEN IN STARTING HIGH SCHOOL. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SOURCE OF HELP AND FRIENDSHIP FOR ALL WITH WHOM HE CAME IN CONTACT. HE IS A MODEL CITIZEN, HAVING WON THE CITIZENSHIP AWARD FROM THE PEOPLE OF RANTOUL. HE ALSO LEADS THE BOY SCOUT TROOP 30. HE IS CONSIDERED BY STUDENTS AND FACULTY ALIKE AS A "GRAND GUY."

Reading, left to right—W. Carl Allen, President; Earl Stephens, Paul Evans, H. G. Pendergrast, Secretary; John Ehler, W. T. Exton, James Herbert, Lynn H. Gibbs, Principal.

RANTOUL TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

It is our opinion that the Rantoul Township High School is fortunate in having a most capable and progressive Board of Education. The Board has shown that they are definitely interested in giving the students the best high school education that it is possible to give and to do so as economically as practical. The Board members give their time willingly in serving the community to the best of their ability. All members are highly respected men engaged in farming, business or professional occupations. The Board agrees that its membership should represent all parts of the district and has always made an attempt to secure members with this policy in mind.

FACULTY

LYNN H. GIBBS

Principal

Bradley University, Bachelor of Science; University of Iowa, Master of Arts.

CLAIR Z. BURLEW

Science

Western Illinois State Teachers College, Bachelor of Education; University of Illinois; Master of Arts.

ELIZABETH CLARK

Foreign Language

Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois; Middlebury French School, Middlebury, Vermont; University of Illinois, Bachelor of Arts.

HOWARD M. FRANKLIN

Science

University of Illinois, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences.

NAN C. FULLER

English

Northwestern University, Bachelor of Arts; University of Illinois, Master of Arts (English).

MARY GREENWOOD

Journalism, Chorus,

Girls' P.E., Dramatics

Murray State Teachers College, Bachelor of Music Education.

MARSHALL R. MALSBURY

Agriculture

College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, Bachelor of Science.

RONALD W. MEEKER

Music

University of Illinois, Bachelor of Science in Music Education; University of Iowa, Master of Arts in Education.

KATHERINE J. MURRAY

English

University of Illinois, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science.

EDITH M. McCLUNG

Librarian

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, Bachelor of Arts.

LLOYD P. NELSON

Industrial Arts

University of Illinois, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts in Education.

WILLIAM H. OLIVER

Social Science

Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Bachelor of Science; Master of Arts.

LAURA RYBURN

Home Economics

Illinois Wesleyan, Bachelor of Science.

CARLOS VAN AURON

Mathematics, Basketball Coach

Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, Bachelor of Arts.

WILLIAM A. WALSH

Director of Athletics

Director of Athletics, Football and Track Coach, Boys' P.E.

St. Viator College, Bourbonnais, Illinois, Bachelor of Philosophy; University of Illinois, Master of Arts.

R. J. WALSTON

Mathematics, Freshman-Sophomore Coach

Diploma I.S.N.U.; University of Illinois, Bachelor of Science; University of Illinois, Master of Science.

MARION L. WILEY

Commerce

Southern Illinois State Teachers College, Bachelor of Education.

JAMES H. WYETH

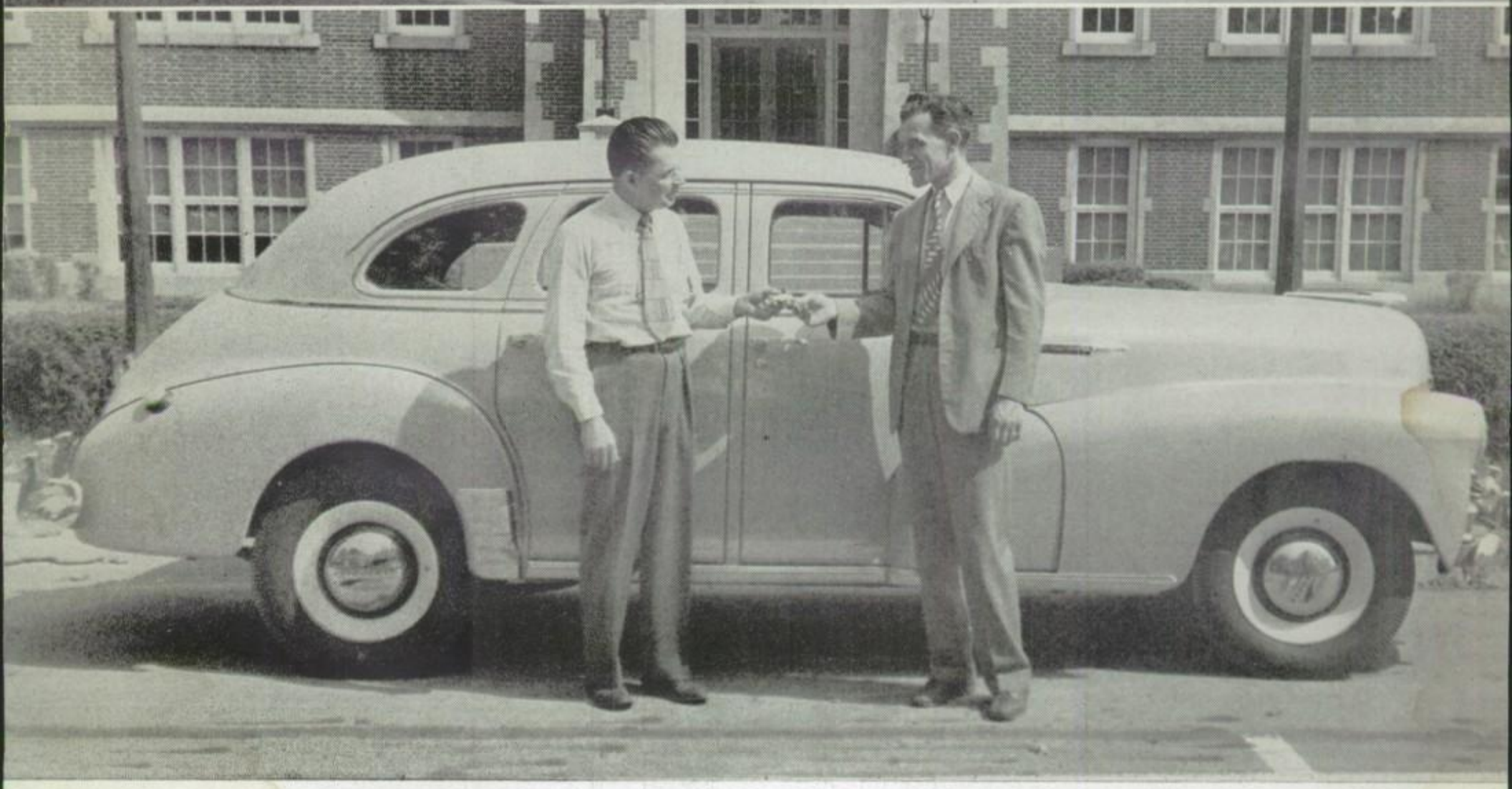
Commerce

Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, Bachelor of Education.

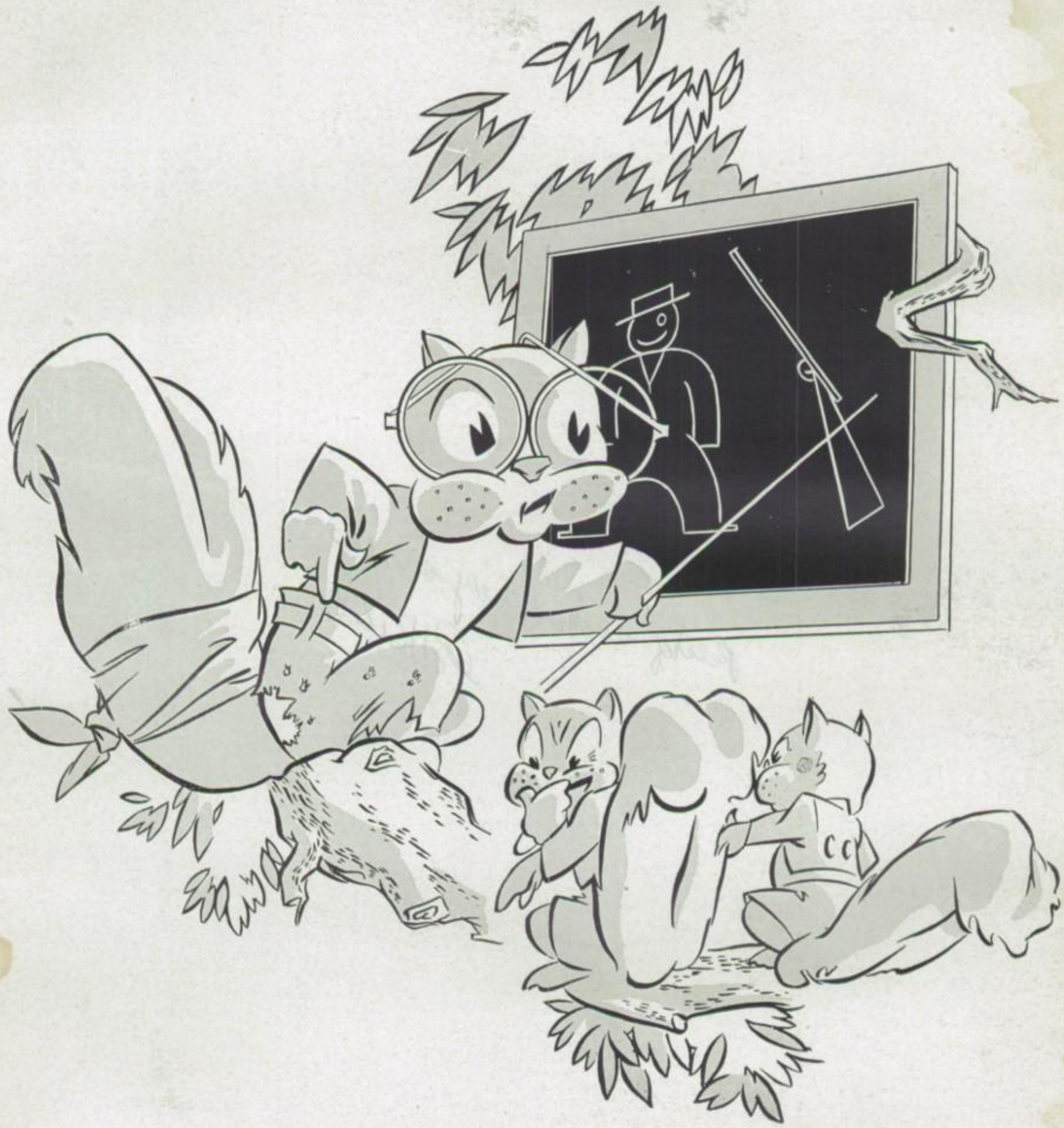
RITA KLEIN

Secretary

Approximately 150 students leave for home by school buses at the end of the day.



Principal Lynn H. Gibbs receiving driver training car keys from John Mallow, representative of the Rogers Chevrolet Company.



C L A S S E S

SENIORS

Best of Luck
Alvin Aden

ALVIN ADEN

The dearest friend is the kindest man.

Football 2, 3, 4.
Pep Club 4.

ARLENE BERGMAN

Health and fair time of day; joy and good wishes.

Girl's Chorus 3, 4.
GAA 3.
FHA 1.

ANITA ANDERSON

She is like the sweet rose of morning.

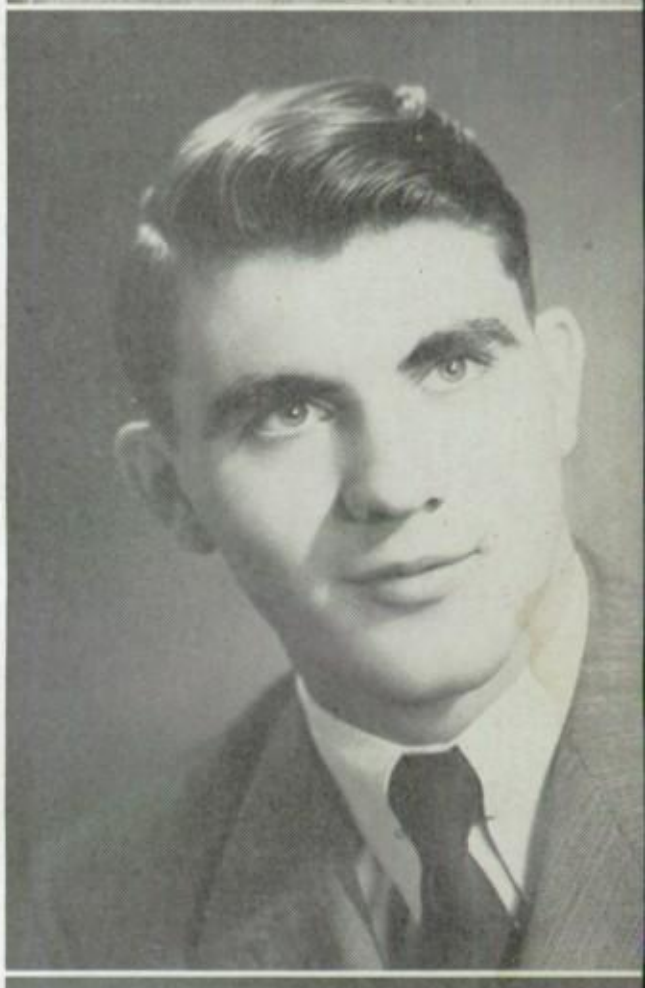
Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 4.
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Eaglet 3.
FHA 4.

Best of Luck to you always
Pat Birch

PAT BIRCH

He shall change all griefs and quarrels into love.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 2, 3.
Track 1, 2.
Student Council 2, 3.
Class Officer 1, 4.
Boy's Chorus 4.



ALICE ARMSTRONG

Sweetness is the beauty of life.

Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
FHA 1, 2.
Journalism Paper Staff 3.
Spotlight 4.

NANCY BRANSON

Happily a woman's voice may do some good.

Library Staff 1.
FHA 1, 2, 3.
Girl's Chorus 4.

SENIORS

ROBERT BROWN

Praise him, he did us
great good.

Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play.
Eaglet 3, 4.
Spotlight 4.

Best wishes, Leonard.
Bob Brown

BERNICE BUSBOOM

A daughter of the gods divinely
tall and most divinely fair.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4.
Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play.
Eaglet 3.
Operetta 2.

DONALD BURNETT

I have been politic with my friend,
smooth with mine enemy.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 2, 3.
Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play.
Class Officer 4.
Pep Club 4.

JANET CHAPPELLE

Her laugh made happiness
fill the air.

Transfer from Paxton High
School
Girl's Chorus 4.
Mixed Chorus 4.
GAA 4.
Eaglet 4.
Band 4.

GEORGE BURNISON

Loyal is his friendship.

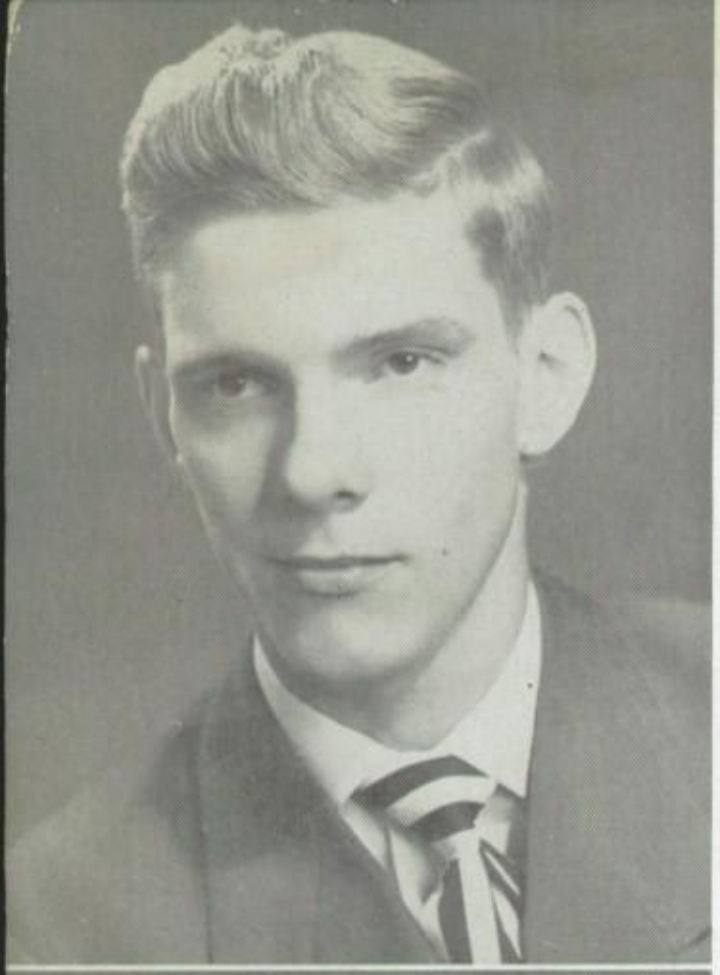
Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.
Track 1, 2, 3.
Student Council 2.
Class Officer 2, 4.

FERN CHEEK

The sweetness of a rose.

FHA 1, 2, 3.
GAA 2, 3.
Pep Club 3.
Library Staff 2.

SENIORS



HERMAN DIERS

Be bright and jovial
among your guests.

Transfer from Waterloo, Iowa.
Eaglet 4.
Band 4.
Pep Club 4.
Boy's Chorus 4.
Mixed Chorus 4.
Track 4.

LESLIE ETHERIDGE

He will not pass his word for two-
pence that you are no fool.

Football 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 2, 3, 4.
Track 1, 2, 3.
Spotlight 4.
Eaglet 4.

ELEANOR DOWNING

The budding rose above the rose
full blown.

Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
GAA 1, 2, 3.
Spotlight 4.
Dramatics Club 3.
Eaglet Staff 4.
Class Officer 2.
Pep Club 3.

SYLVESTER FIEDLER

Brightness attracts the eye.

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4

ARLENE DUITSMAN

Wherefore let the young men find
favour in thine eyes.

Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4.
GAA 2, 3, 4.
Eaglet 3.
Junior Play.
Operetta 2.
Journalism Paper 3.

BARBARA FOLKES

The purest treasure mortal times
afford is a spotless reputation.

Transfer from LeRoy High School.
FHA 4.

SENIORS

RUTH FOX

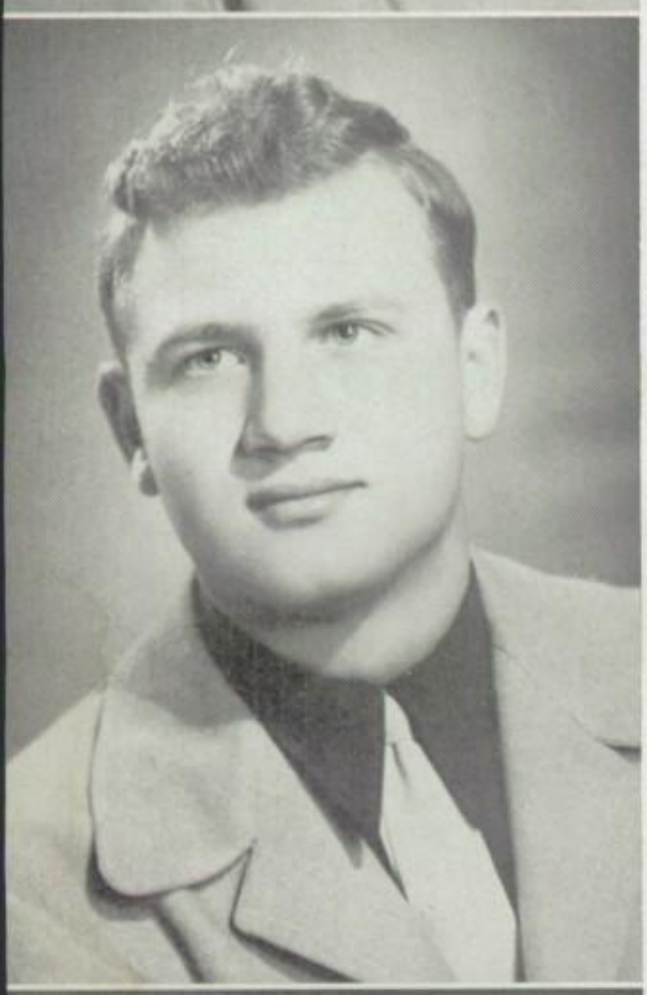
I will sit as quiet as a lamb.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4.
GAA 1.
FHA 1, 2.
Girl's Chorus 1, 2.

MARCELLA GRUSSING

She is great with all her wit, pains and strong endeavours.

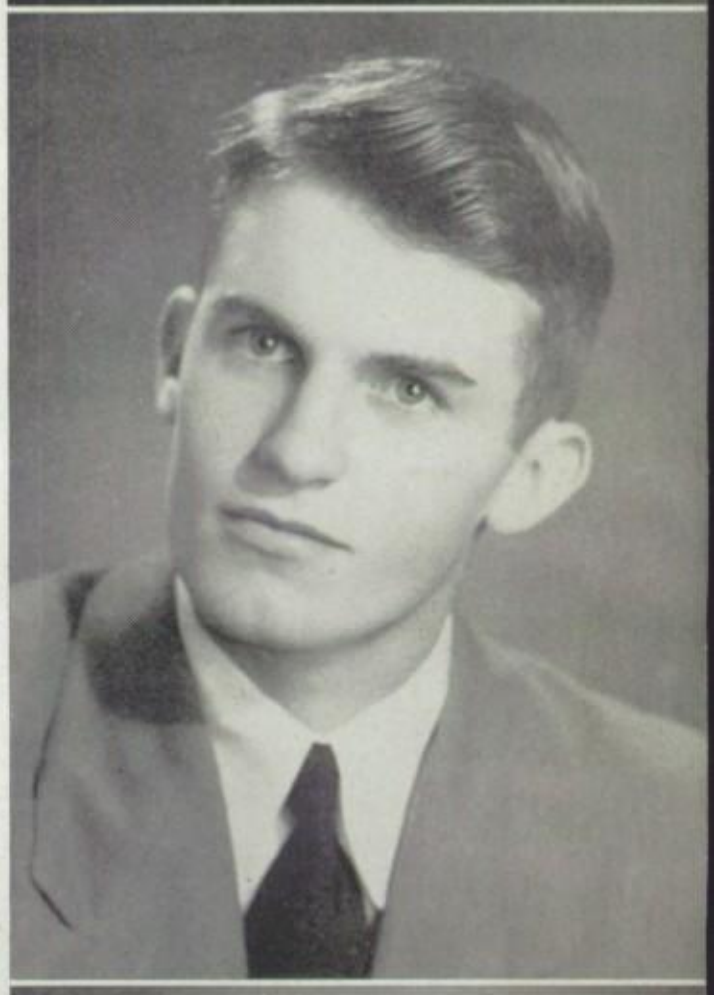
GAA 1, 2, 3.
FHA 1, 3, 4.
Girl's Chorus 1.



PHIL GATES

Another lad whose smile and jest disclose a nature of the best.

Football 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 3.
Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play.
Pep Club 4.



JOHN HERBERT

He is very swift and sententious.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.
Track 1, 2, 3.
Boy's Chorus 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 3, 4.
Class Officer 1, 3, 4.
Student Council 1, 4.

Jacko Herbert

MARY LOUISE GLYNN

A gift that God gave.

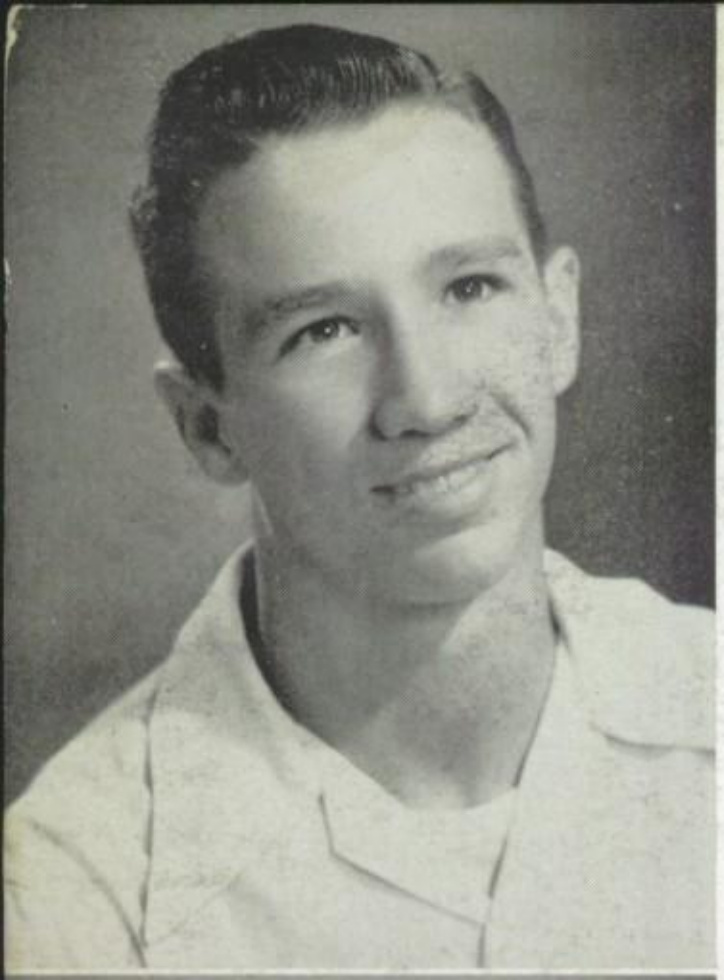
Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 1, 3, 4.
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Spotlight 4.
Eaglet 4.
Pep Club 3.
Junior Play.
Dramatics Club 1, 2.

ROBERT HEWERDINE

As I have ever found thee honest-true.

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

SENIORS



WILLIAM HEWERDINE

More like one asleep than dead.

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

TED JOHNSON

See, son, what great things you are.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 3, 4.
Track 3.
Boy's Chorus 1, 4.
Junior Play.

MARY JANE HINCKLE

Hitch your wagon to a star.

Girl's Chorus 1.
FHA 4.

JACK JONES

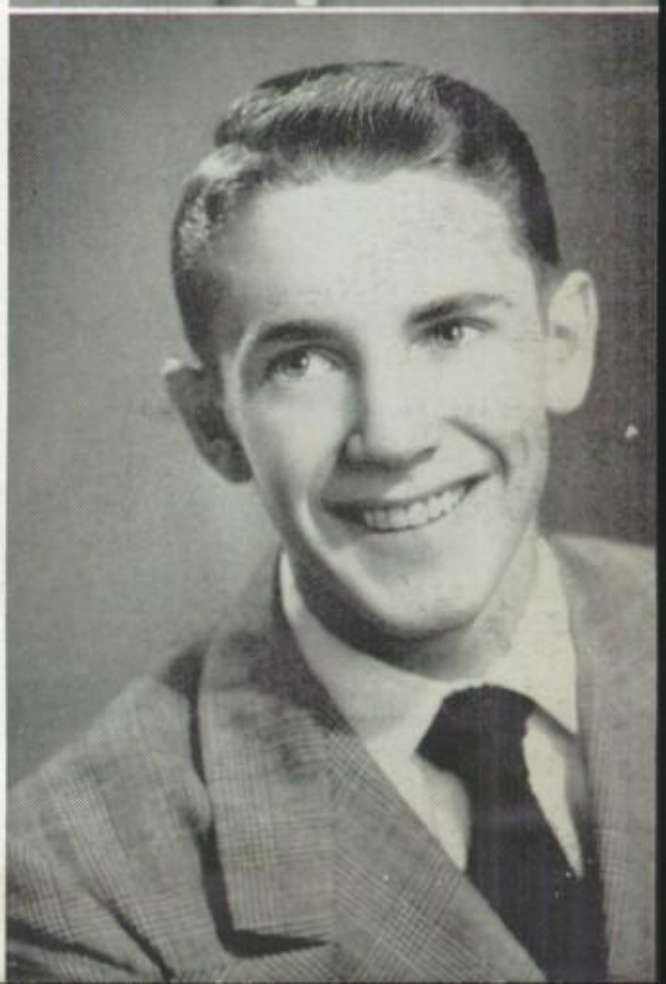
The whole employ of body and mind.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 2.
Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
Boy's Chorus 4.
Pep Club 4.

JUANITA HOOPER

That placid aspect and meek regard.

Library Staff 2, 3, 4.
Eaglet 3, 4.
Spotlight 3, 4.
Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
FHA 2, 3, 4.
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Dramatics Club 1, 2.
Operetta 2.



JOHN KALER

Let's talk of graves, of worms and epitaphs.

Football 1, 2.
Spotlight 4.

Best Wishes
— Jack Kaler

SENIORS

MARGARET ANNE KALER

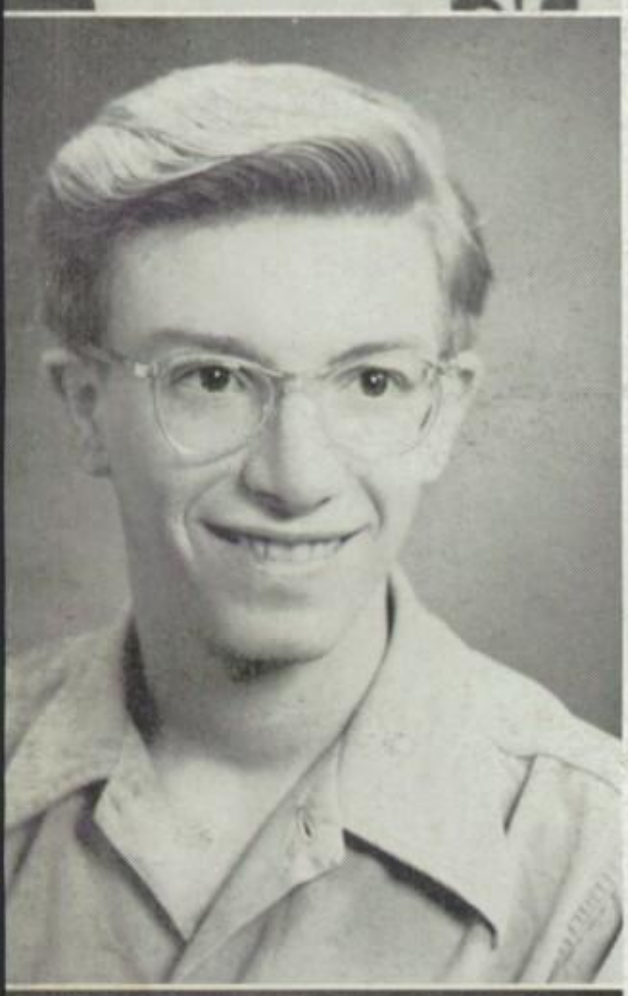
Lovely to look at,
delightful to know.

Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Girl's Ensemble 3, 4.
Band 1, 2, 3, 4.
Operetta 2.
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Eaglet 1, 2, 3, 4.
Cheerleader 1.
Junior Play.
Homecoming Queen 4.
Pep Club 3.
Dramatics Club 1, 2.

HENRY LARRANCE

A gentleman of blood and quality.

Basketball 2, 3, 4.
Track 3.
FFA 1, 2, 3.



JOE KARR

His eyes are brighter than
they used to be.

BARBARA LEONARD

Toil hard and peace shall be yours.

Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Cheerleader 2, 3, 4.
Band 2, 3, 4.
Spotlight 3.
Eaglet 3, 4.
FHA 2.
Junior Play.
Dramatics Club 1, 2.

BETTY KEAL

Her face rose-red with the glowing coal and the thought of the
heart's desire

FHA 2, 3, 4.
GAA 2, 3, 4.

ROY LEWIS

I wish above all things
that thou mayest prosper

SENIORS

DORIS LINDSEY

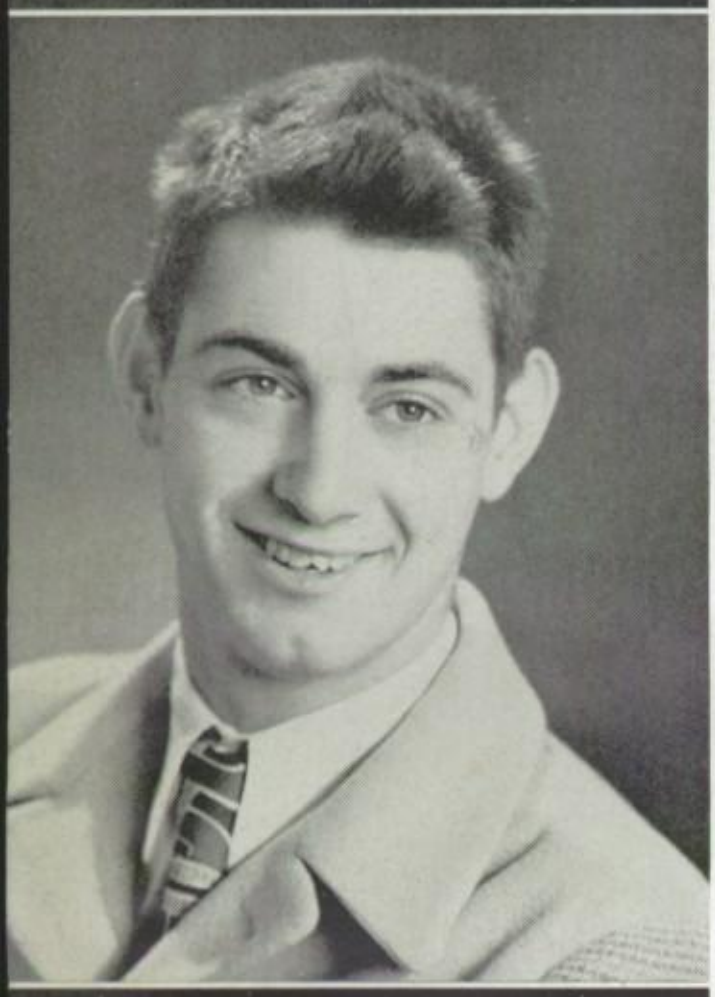
She, who can bring love
into life, is loved.

Transfer from Will Rogers High,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MARY PILGRIM

Wearing all that weight of learning lightly, like a flower

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play.
Student Council 1, 3, 4.
DAR Award Winner 4.
Pep Club 4.



RICHARD McGEE

Laugh with he that laughs.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.
Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
Band 1, 2.
Boy's Chorus 3, 4.

ALVIN REED

To have been constructed
of marble.

MARIBETH O'DONNELL

She need not be ashamed
of her wit.

Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Band 2, 3, 4.
Girl's Ensemble 3, 4.
FHA 2, 3, 4.
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play.
Eaglet 3, 4.
Spotlight 2, 3, 4.
Dramatics Club 1, 2.
Pep Club 3.
Library Staff 1.
Operetta 2.

MARVIN ROELFS

Thy greatness will overwhelm thee

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Class Officer 3.

SENIORS

CLARA ANN ROESSLER

Of gentle soul, to human
race a friend.

Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3.

BETTY SCHLUETER

If there was ever a soul sincere—
'twas thine.

GAA 3.
Girl's Chorus 2, 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 4.
Operetta 2.

MAURICE ROY

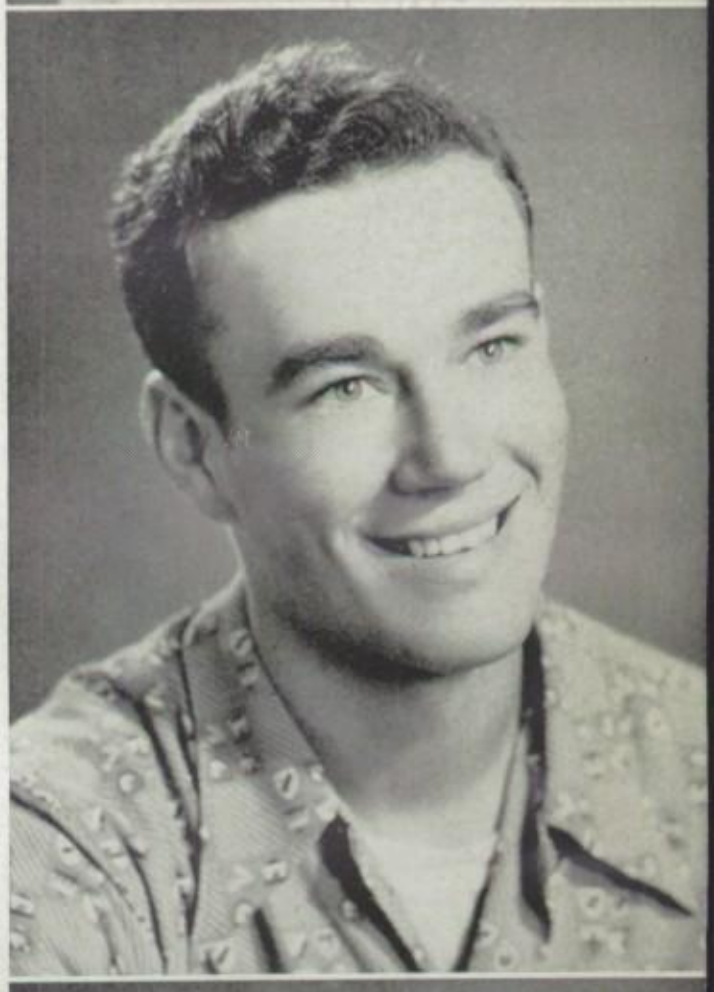
I will roar that I will do any man's
heart good to hear me.

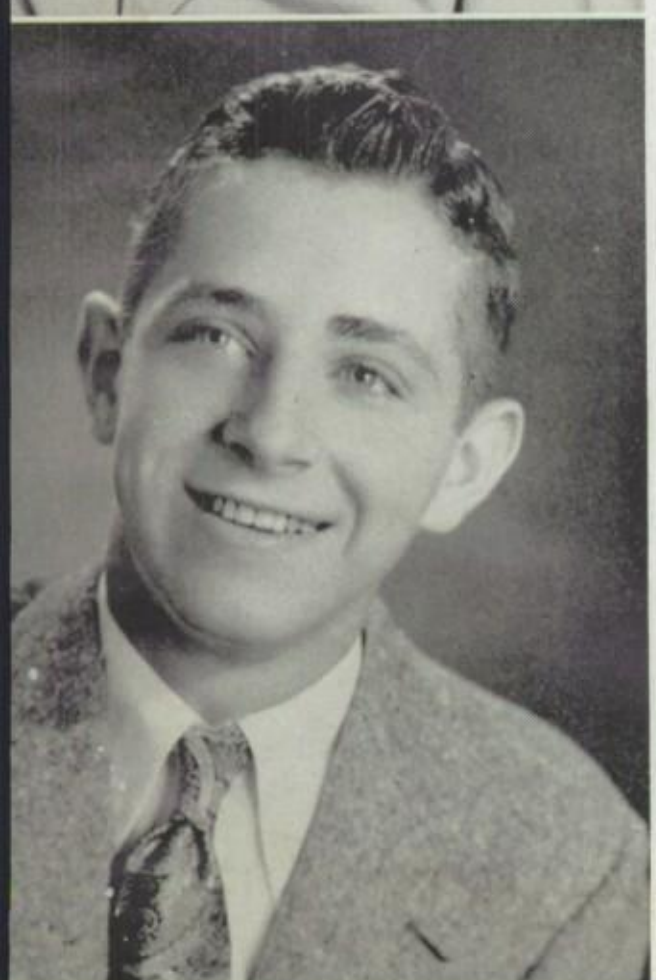
Football 2, 4.
Track 2, 3, 4.
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

LEE SHAFFER

You humor me when I'm sick.

Basketball 4.
Track 1, 2, 3.
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.





LARRY RUSCHEL

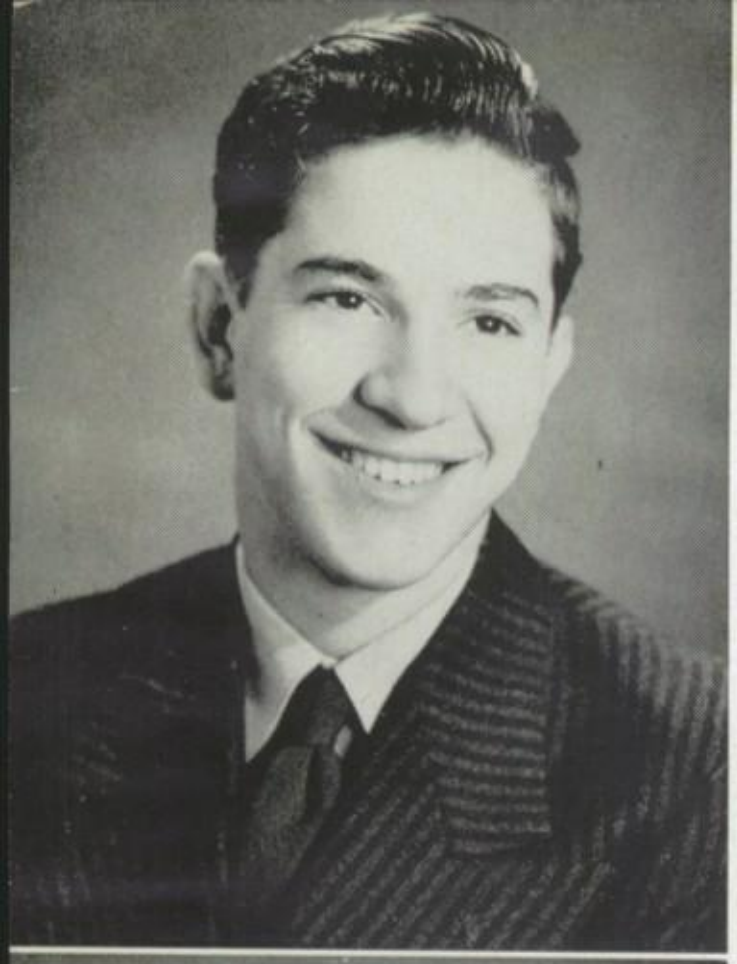
If they will fight us bid
them come down.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 2, 3.
Track 1, 2, 3.
Class Officer 2, 4.
Student Council 4.
Spotlight 4.
Boy's Chorus 3, 4.

RITA SHEEHAN

Her eyes as stars of twilight fair;
like twilight too her hair.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4.
Girl's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Cheerleader 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play.
Class Officer 3.
Operetta 2.
Spotlight 4.
Eaglet 3, 4.
Girl's Ensemble 3, 4.
Dramatics Club 1, 2.



SENIORS

WILLIAM SHINKER

One who takes life in his stride.
Transfer from Paxton High School.

Football 4.

JAMES WARNER

Silence bestows that virtue on him.

FFA 1, 3, 4.

MARSHALL STROM

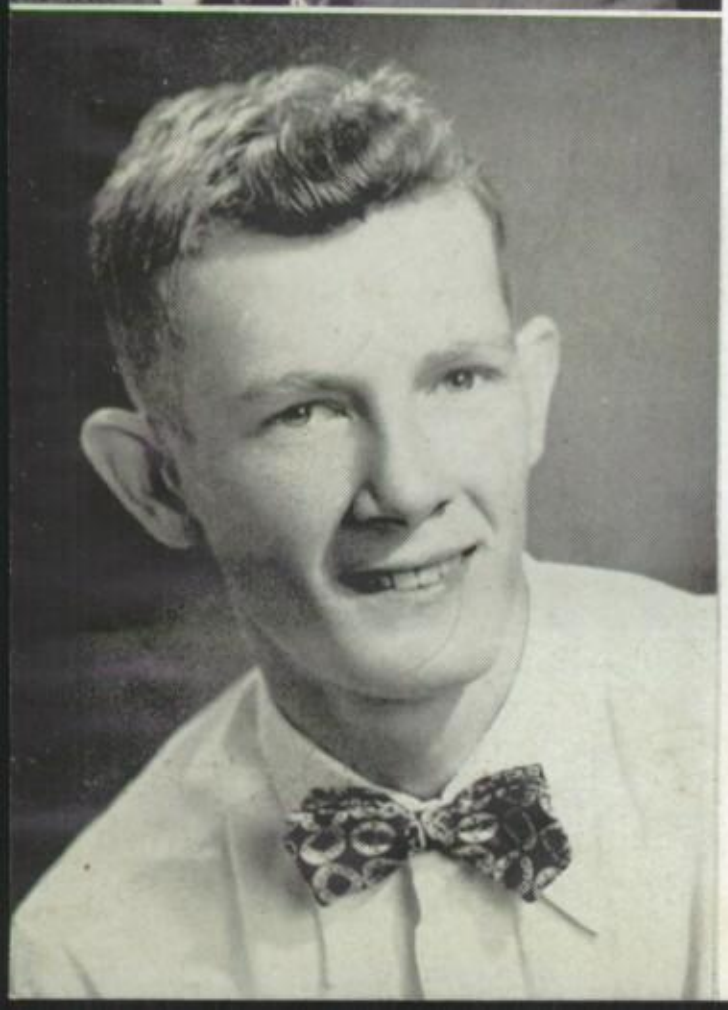
My body shall make good on this earth.

Pep Club 3, 4.
Student Council 3.
FFA 3.

JACK WATERS

Don't despair of a student if he has clear ideas.

Football 2, 3, 4.
Track 2, 3, 4.
Eaglet 2, 3, 4.



CLAUDE TRUETT

A large part of virtue consists in good habits.

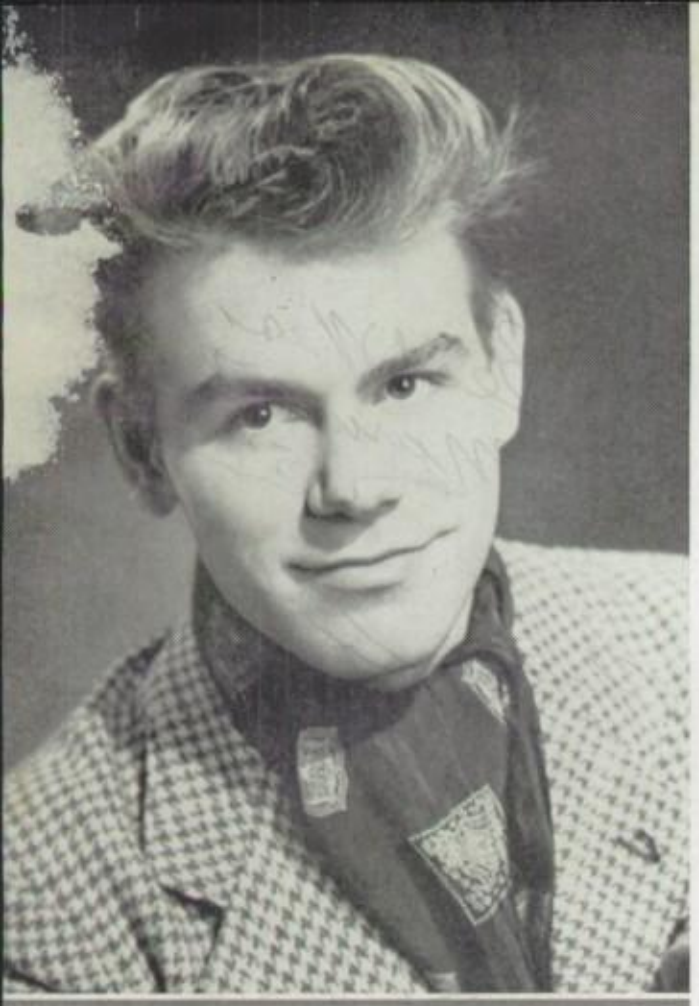
ROBERT WATERS

He repents not to pay your debt.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 2.
Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
Pep Club 3, 4.
Band 1, 2.
Junior Play.

Bob Waters

SENIORS



BENJAMIN WILDE

By the sweet powers of music; therefore a poet.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4.
Basketball 1, 2.
Track 1, 2.
Boy's Chorus 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 3, 4.
Junior Play.

GLENN YEAZEL

You that choose not by the view chance as fair and choose as true.

Basketball 1, 2.
Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.
Pep Club 3.

LORENE WOLKEN

An angel is like you; you are like an angel.

Eaglet 3.
Girl's Chorus 3, 4.
GAA 3.

DONN ZOLMAN

Are these things true or do I dream?

Football 1, 3, 4.
Basketball 2, 3, 4.
Track 1, 2, 3, 4.
Junior Play.
Boy's Chorus 3, 4.
Mixed Chorus 3, 4.
Spotlight 4.
Eaglet 4.

ARNETTA WALLACE

Transferred from Garth High, Georgetown, Kentucky.

(Absent when pictures taken)

AUTOGRAPHS

Lots of Luck to the main attraction of our English class and a swell Guy
Ava C. "52"

To a Silly Nut, Luv Cutie Thelma

Reena Adamson "52"

Best Wishes Marion Lewis "52"

Hazel Zehr "52"

a Good Kid ? ? !

Russell Leroy Overholt

Lots of Luck Pal
Russell Leroy Overholt

To a real friend "52"
Emerson is rider
"52"

To a Classmate
Lots of Luck
Bonnie Kappes
"52"

One of the Twins
Joanne

To a good kid
I know
Elaine James
"52"

Lots of luck to
a darn swell kid
Barbara Fearter
"52"

To a nice
kid.
Lois Lewis
"52"

Good Luck
Betty Check
"52"

Lots of Luck Always
Rosemary Lorenz
"52"

Best Wishes
Shirley Fromer
"50"

Best Wishes
Phyllis Sweet
"52"

The Best of Wishes
Delores Buay
"52"

Best Wishes
Jimmy Hagg
"52"

JUNIORS

Front row, left to right—N. Tucker, M. Sheehan, N. Stephens, V. Wolken, B. Eater, M. Black, D. Grotfield, L. Kelly, S. Upthegrove, M. Schubert, L. Funkhouser, B. Grimsey, D. Mendell. *Second row, left to right*—M. Kaler, R. Simenson, S. Ranes, P. Apke, B. Shull, E. Peters, A. Post, V. Roark, A .Roelfs, R. Kappes, B. Lee, H. McCain, M. Mersereau, J. Brownfield, D. Dunn, C. Busey. *Third row, left to right*—W. Bridges, B. Delva, J. Apke, W. Bleichner, M. Strom, P. Sry, P. Swaim, A. Heizer, D. Martin, G. Philbrick, C. Rollins. *Fourth row, left to right*— B. Behr, T. Murphy, W. Zehr, G. Rewerts, R. Runyan, E .Drysdale, B. May, R. Collins, B. Boblett, D. Zehr, J. Clifford, R. Linthicum. *Fifth row, left to right*—R. Meece, C. Kelso, H. Shaffer, D. Hall, E. Thomas, A. Sjuts, R. Tarvin, R. Heiser, F. Cribbet, D. Logue, G. Church, G. Sebastian, M. Webber, M. Ackerman, J. Scott, D. Moran, D. James, W. Cope, M. Bartell, J. Harris, H. Collins, L. Hendrickson, B. Edwards, H. Hadler, G. Fiedler, D. Shields, P. Grovier, J. Rusk, D. Phillips.

SOPHOMORES

Front row, left to right—J. Rogers, M. Irvin, B. Silvernail, E. B. Evans, J. Pettigrew, J. Wells, D. Beesley, M. Kelly, M. Alcorn, E. Bonham, J. Kaler, V. Karr, E. Doberneck. *Second row, left to right*—L. Franzen, M. Johnson, G. Grussing, E. Baker, L. Ideus, W. Overholt, S. Beck, J. Brown, D. Schaede, M. Prewitt, G. Morton, E. Clifton, P. Smith, F. Judd, L. Pilgrim, R. Truett, B. Armstrong, B. Wittenmeier, E. Hadler, M. Fields, J. Hylbert, H. Wells. *Third row, left to right*, J. Vogler, P. Quinlan, C. Doman, M. Wise, J. Strom, J. Spears, E. L. Evans, B. Blue, J. Diskin, D. Etheridge, O. Beesley, J. Miller, B. Smith, E. Karr, H. Martin, D. Stevens. *Fourth row, left to right*—C. Hooper, L. Albers, G. Wood, J. Arnold, J. Funke, D. Gronwold, D. McConkey, R. Birkey, C. Armstrong, D. Walker, H. Bartlett, T. Lowry. *Fifth row, left to right*—R. Little, R. Miller, S. Bryan, F. Phillips, V. Ehler, J. Klein.

FRESHMEN

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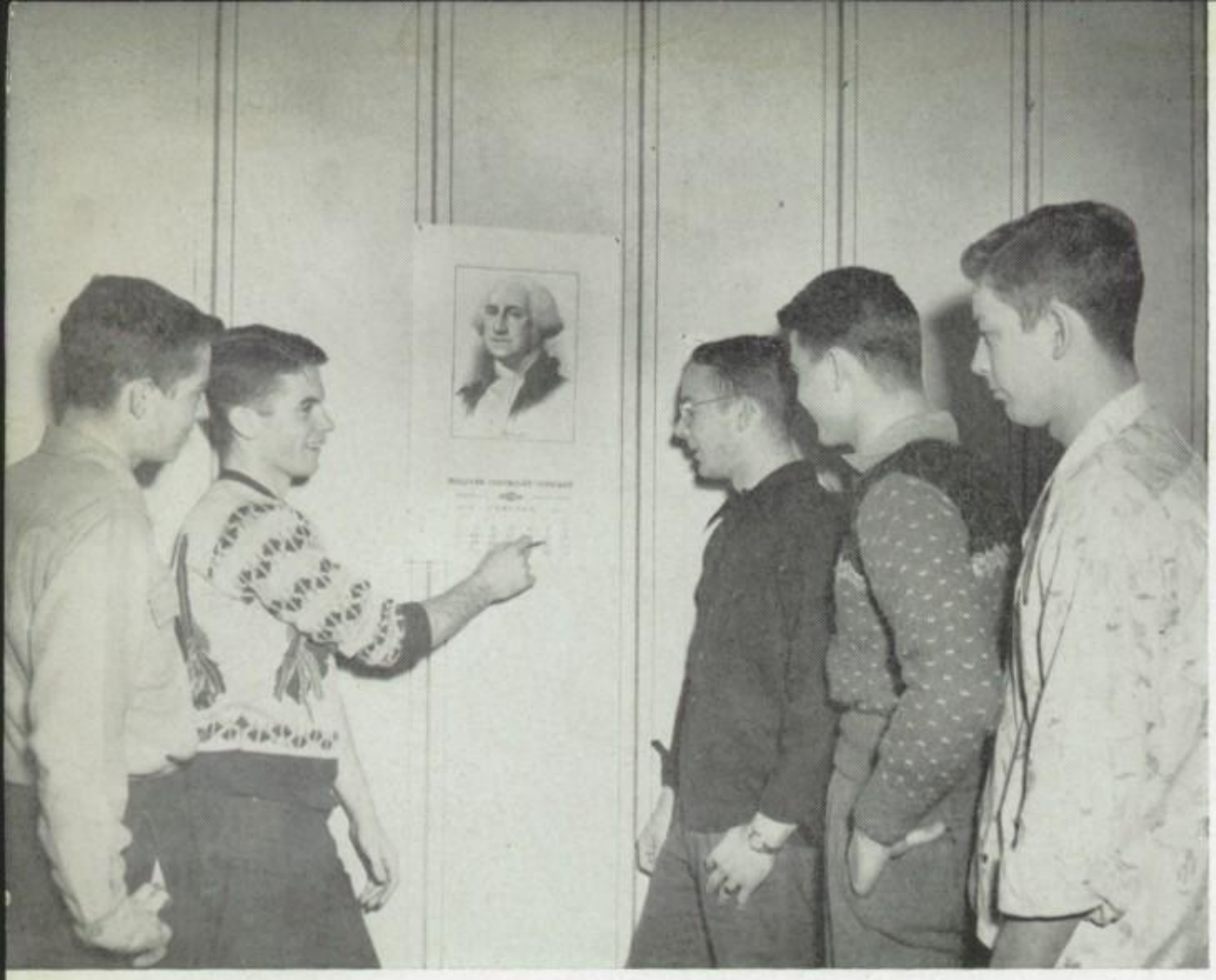

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STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council acts as intermediary between the teachers and students. It sponsors school dances, such as the gala Football Homecoming dance. At Christmas time they went all out for a party with a tree, Santa Claus and all. For admission each person brought a small gift to be taken along with the tree to the Huling Home.

Student Council sets aside a special "Clean-Up Week." Everyone pays careful attention to their personal appearance and the condition of their lockers. Prizes are given to the neatest boy and girl and to the boy and girl with the neatest lockers.

There is a "Courtesy Week" during which everyone brushes up on his manners and conduct in classes and out of school.

An entertaining play was written and directed by Alice Armstrong and sponsored by Student Council. This play was used when the surrounding schools visited and exchanged programs.

At the close of each year, the Student Council consults the Treasury and decides upon a suitable gift for the school, which will be of common benefit to all.

Homecoming

The 28th Annual Homecoming was full of enthusiastic spirit. This all-important evening got off to a fine start with Rantoul's 47-18 victory over Schlarman of Danville.

With gaiety and excitement running high at the dance following the game, the time had come at last when we would know who was to be our Queen. At eleven o'clock Margaret Anne Kaler was crowned Homecoming Queen by Don Burnett, football captain. Attendants were Mary Pilgrim, Arlene Duitsman, Romaine Simenson and Mary Margaret Mersereau.

Left to right—Bob Behr, Dorothy Martin, Sue Upthegrove, Lucille Kelly, Romaine Simenson, Robert Linthicum, Mary Mersereau, Marlene Kaler, Richard Phillips, Miss Mary Greenwood.

JUNIOR PLAY

Cecilia VanDyne, a society matron ..... Sue Upthegrove
Nella-Yardley, Sal's gossiping aunt ..... Lucille Kelly
Ronald Spengler, who is "on the cops" ..... Robert Behr
Allison VanDyne, Cecilia's charming daughter ..... Dorothy Martin
Glenn VanDyne, Cecilia's handsome son ..... Richard Phillips
Sally Skinner, our charming young heroine ..... Romaine Simenson
Dagmar Waring, of the elite ..... Mary M. Mersereau
Dexter Westbrooke, a wealthy financier ..... Robert Linthicum
Daisy Judkins, who hails from Soap Lake ..... Marlene Kaler

Widowed Cecilia VanDyne is the social leader of the town she lives in. Her son Glenn is a bit of a snob, but her daughter, Allison, is democratic and charming. When they were children, they played with Sally Skinner, who was known to everybody as "Our Gal Sal" and who had been born and raised on a farm. Glenn hits the ceiling when he hears that Sal is coming back for a visit, because he remembers her as the homeliest female he has ever seen, and he has never forgotten the awful brace she wore around her teeth. Sal is determined to have revenge on Glenn. Before the end, though, Sal shows him that she is not really ugly and everything turns out happily.

Left to right—Arlene Roelfs, Vice-President; Shirley Beck, Sophomore representative; Mary Pilgrim, President; Rita Sheehan, Secretary, Treasurer; Betty Keal, Senior representative; Virginia Roark, Junior representative.

G. A. A.

The Girls Athletic Association is one of the largest organizations in school. The G.A.A. is to help girls create an interest in sports activities and to promote and teach good sportsmanship.

The organization sponsored the Girl's Basketball Tournament again this spring and the plaque was presented to the champion to have its name placed on it.

GIRLS' CHORUS

The eighty-nine members of Girls' Chorus meet every Tuesday and Thursday under the direction of Miss Greenwood. Ever active, the chorus presented a program at Christmas time, entered the music contest at Hoopeston this spring, attended the Champaign County music festival which was held in the Junior High Gymnasium at Champaign, and sang in commencement activities.

In addition to their choral work, Margaret Anne and Marlene Kaler entertained at various programs at school and entered the solo contests this spring.

The Senior Trio, which consists of Margaret Anne Kaler, Maribeth O'Donnell, and Rita Sheehan, sang at the Christmas program, entered contests this spring, and entertained at various places.

Special thanks should be given to Miss Greenwood, Barbara Leonard, the accompanist, and all the others who have helped to make this a successful year for the Girls' Chorus.

First row, left to right—B. Diers, J. Diers, E. B. Evans, N. Stephens, L. Kelly, M. Schwartz, A. Gritten, B. Kappes, M. Sheehan, T. Castillo, E. Doberneck, S. Westinhaver, E. Bonham, A. Armstrong, D. Shaw, B. Eater. *Second row, left to right*—V. Wolken, J. Pettigrew, B. Emkes, V. Ihnen, M. Schlueter, A. Wright, N. Branson, L. Veling, M. Alcorn, M. Glynn, J. Chappelle, B. Leonard, H. Wells. *Third row, left to right*—C. Busey, M. Strom, E. Baker, S. Bartlett, P. Sparks, M. Morris, L. Pilgrim, S. Beck, A. Bergman, B. Schlueter, M. Mersereau, D. Yeazel, K. Sheehan. *Fourth row, left to right*—P. Apke, A. Chumbley, P. Kelso, P. Swaim, R. Sheehan, B. Blue, J. Brownfield, B. Wittenmeier, G. Morton, A. Duitsman, M. A. Kaler. *Fifth row, left to right*—J. Kaler, M. M. Kaler, W. Overholt, J. Rogers, D. Schaede, P. Sry, E. L. Evans, D. James, J. Brown, M. Fields, C. Roessler, V. Roark, D. Martin. *Fifth row, left to right*—M. Wise, J. Strom, J. Hooper, F. Cheek, L. Wolken, A. Roelfs, B. Peavler. *Seventh row, left to right*—A. Anderson, E. Downing, B. Busboom, D. Suits, M. Pilgrim, L. Mennenga, B. Shull, B. Lee, D. Dunn, M. Greenwood.

BOYS' CHORUS

The Boys' Chorus consists of twenty members. The group, under the direction of Mr. Meeker, meets on Monday and Wednesday.

A few of their favorites are "Rollin' Down to Jordan," "Climbing Up the Mountain," "Those Pals of Ours," and "Hail to the Orange."

The boys made up a quartet and entered in the WLS Home Talent Show as a Barber Shop Quartet. They are as follows: Gordie Sebastian, first tenor, Larry Hendrickson, second tenor, Herman Diers, baritone, and Donn Zolman, bass.

In chorus, the boys are learning the factors of harmony. At first it was pretty trying for Mr. Meeker, for every one wanted to sing melody, but now most every one realizes that harmony sounds much better.

Front row, left to right—T. Murphy, M. Webber, B. Wilde, Mr. R. Meeker, Director; D. Logue, L. Hendrickson, R. Behr. *Second row, left to right*—C. Leonard, R. Tarvin, T. Johnson, J. Jones, D. Phillips, D. McGee, H. Diers, W. Cope, C. Hooper, W. Zehr. *Third row, left to right*—G. Church, P. Grovier, G. Sebastian, W. Bridges, P. Birch, J. Herbert, D. Zolman, R. Little, D. Etheridge.

Front row, left to right—L. Kelly, P. Apke, J. Pettigrew, J. Rogers, D. Schaede, J. Strom, J. Brown, B. Wittenmeier, E. Evans, D. Martin, R. Sheehan. *Second row, left to right*—A. Duitsman, M. A. Kaler, J. Chappelle, D. Dunn, A. Anderson, W. Overholt, M. O'Donnell, P. Swaim, R. Collins, B. Schlueter, M. M. Kaler, M. Mersereau, B. Eater, Miss M. Greenwood, Director. *Third row, left to right*—G. Sebastian, H. Diers, D. Logue, D. Zolman, B. Wilde, L. Hendrickson, J. Herbert, D. Etheridge, R. Little.

MIXED CHORUS

The mixed chorus is made up of thirty-eight members, (eleven sopranos, seven second-sopranos, nine altos, five tenors, and six baritones and basses), who meet during the fifth period on Friday of each week. The chorus is directed by Miss Mary Greenwood, who took the group to the music contest this spring as in preceding years. It will also attend the County Spring Festival and participate in the Commencement exercises.

BAND

Flutes
B. Leonard
S. Bryan
D. James

Oboe
M. A. Kaler

B flat Clarinets
D. Schaede
D. Martin
E. Peters
R. Fox
J. Brown
E. L. Evans
V. Ihnen
M. Morris

Alto Clarinet
A. Heizer.

Bass Clarinet
R. Truett

E flat Alto Saxophone
W. Overholt
J. Chapelle
B. Eater

Tenor Saxophone
N. Stephens
D. Zehr

Baritone Saxophone
M. E. Irvin

Cornets
D. James
L. Hendrickson
W. Zehr
E. Doberneck
H. Martin

French Horns
M. Mersereau
D. McConkey

Trombones
G. Philbrick
D. Etheridge
H. Hadler
C. Leonard

Baritones
R. Little
R. Hulett

Basses
W. Cope
H. Diers
F. Phillips

Percussion
M. O'Donnell
R. Sheehan
D. Dunn
M. M. Kaler

Majorettes
F. Judd
M. Kelly
S. Ranes

To start the year of 1948-49, the band marched at all of our home football games forming formation at the half, led by drum majorettes Sherry Ranes, Frances Judd, and Miriam Kelly.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Meeker, also played for five basketball games at the Chanute Field Sports Arena, which were broadcast on the Field radio station, WCNF.

The band sponsored a WLS Home Talent Show at the U.S.O. on February 17 and 18. The proceeds of this program were used for purchasing new uniforms for the band. A few members of the band participated in the show.

After basketball season, the band soloists and ensembles concentrated all their efforts toward the District Music Contest at Momence, held on March 26.

The band rehearsals stressed music to be used for the District Band Contest at Hoopeston on April 9, and the Champaign County High School Festival at Champaign on April 22.

The music department decided to award regular size chenille letters with a music lyre inserted to music students meeting the specified qualifications of winning in a music contest.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

The Rantoul Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America is one of 6,108 chapters of F.H.A., a national organization which has 237,133 members.

The F.H.A. pin is the emblem of our organization, a home upheld by two hands signifying that the home is in the hands of youth. From the center are rays of light that point toward new goals for the future. The name of the organization "Future Homemakers of America," and the motto "Toward New Horizons," is written along the border which is octagonal in shape symbolizing the eight purposes. The emblem is attached to a guard by a chain. The guard is shaped like a house with the letter F and H forming the sides and letter A forming the roof.

The colors of F.H.A. are red and white which are symbols of youth and purity. The flower is the red rose. It is a symbol of vibrant glowing youth.

F.H.A. has eight purposes as follows:

1. To promote growing appreciation of the joys and satisfactions of homemaking.
2. To emphasize the importance of worthy home memberships.
3. To encourage democracy in home and community life.
4. To work for good home and family life for all.
5. To promote international good will.
6. To foster the development of creative leadership in home and community life.
7. To provide wholesome individual and group recreation.
8. To further interest in home economics.

Each year the chapter sends a delegate to F.H.A. Leadership Camp, Lake Bloomington. Last year's delegate was Evelyn Baker. The president, Juanita Hooper; Vice-President, Evelyn Baker; and the sponsor, Miss Ryburn, went to St. Joseph for the sectional meeting. The chapter plans to send a delegate to the Regional Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July 12-14.

Left to right—Emogene Clifton, Song Leader; Evelyn Baker, Vice-President; Helen Post, Pianist; Juanita Hooper, President; Clara Doman, Treasurer; Annetta Post, Parliamentarian; Betty Keal, Secretary.

Left to right—Henry Martin, Sentinel; Howard Hadler, Secretary; Richard Tarvin, Vice-President; Lee Shaffer, President; Robert Linthicum, Treasurer; Marvin Roelfs, Reporter; M. R. Malsbury, Advisor.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

This year the club is doing agricultural work as in previous years. The boys form the club to promote a better agricultural system in this country and are siding in the formation of better citizenship in this community.

As in past years the boys took a field trip to the International Livestock Show at the International Amphitheater of Chicago. It was enjoyed by everyone who was able to go.

Sports are engaged in to keep the boys active. Better bodies are one of the greater things all "future farmers" are striving for. The complete athletic program is a worthwhile project for the whole group.

Regular "ag" classes are learning the fundamentals of milk testing, soldering, and shop work. The advanced classes are becoming experts at these skills.

The club has been under the able direction of Mr. M. R. Malsbury. This year the club elected Lee Shaffer as president for the yearly activities and duties of club leadership.

Librarian and Assistants

Period 1
Juanita Hooper
Avalene Chumbley

Period 2
Sarah Bartlett
Alberta Mills

Period 3
Patricia Apke
Alice Heizer

Period 4
Mary Ann Prewitt

Period 5
John Clifton
Beverly Silvernail

Period 6
Ethel Hadler
Margaret Turrell

Period 7
Patricia Lancaster

Period 8
Marilyn Strom
Carolyn Busey

Period 9
Bonnie Kappes
Rosemary Kappes

BOOK-WEEK ACTIVITIES

A Pageant of Well-Known Characters from Fiction

Front Row

Jas. Smith, Rip Van Winkle
R. Overholt—Dr. Jekyll
Pat Lancaster—Red Riding Hood
Bonnie Kappes—Becky

Third Row

Alberta Mills—Juliet
M. Warfield—Aggie
K. Sheehan—Lizzie
Sally Bartlett—Tish
S. Westenhaver—Scarlett
D. Busey—Lady MacBeth
Hazel Zehr—Priscilla

Second row, left to right

A. Gritten—Judy Grant
D. Meuser—Florence Nightengale
M. Morris—Announcer
T. Castillo—Young Fu
P. Vogler—Old Fashioned Girl
M. Swartz—Cinderella
B. Cheek—Mrs. Wiggs
B. Woller—Goldilocks
L. Mennigan—Uncle Tom
Joe Harris—Tom Sawyer

Dean Partridge—Davy Crockett

Not in the picture

Exhibit of Old Books and Poster

Microfilm Reader Demonstration

Glenn Yeazel and Lee Shaffer gave the demonstration, and a talk on the "Libraries of the Future" was given by Juanita Hooper.

Front row, left to right—R. Adamson, J. Miller, C. Hooper, M. Strom, A. Aden, P. Gates, J. Jones, B. Waters, B. Linthicum, D. Burnett, W. Bridges. *Second row, left to right*—M. Pilgrim, M. Strom, P. Apke, M. Shubert, G. Morton, L. Kelly, J. Strom, B. Blue, K. Sheehan, J. Pettigrew, D. Beasley, J. Rogers. *Third row, left to right*—P. Lancaster, J. Apke, M. Alcorn, P. Vogler, M. Wise, H. Collins, J. Clifton, D. Shields, C. Kelso, L. Pilgrim, J. Maier, J. Spears, B. Behr.

PEP CLUB

At games a student body is judged by the support it gives to its team. Often it is not possible for the entire enrollment to attend a game, so the need is felt for a permanent organization to provide the support. With that idea in mind a Pep Club was started last year. It was not too effective, so this year it was reorganized and has functioned very well.

The Club consists of twenty boys and twenty girls, these members being chosen from the student body by a student-faculty committee. The purpose of the Club is to conduct good sportsmanship in every way possible and to encourage good cheering at all games. At one of the first meetings the Club adopted a Constitution. An Executive Council was elected at the first meeting, consisting of one member of every class. The council was composed of Pat Lancaster, Freshman; Jack Miller, Sophomore; Bob Behr, Junior; and Marshall Strom, Senior. Marshall was permanent Chairman of the Council.

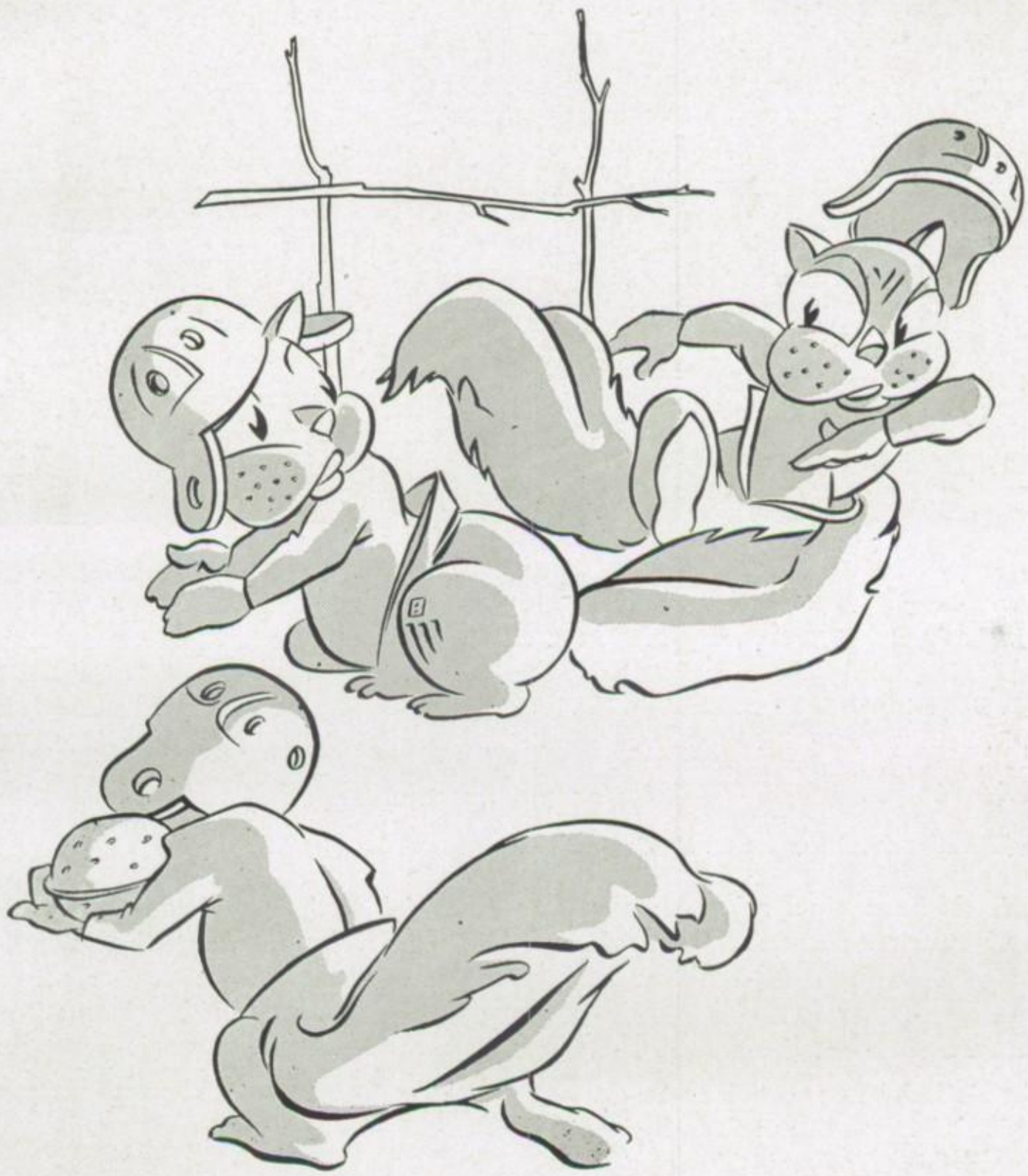
As an assembly program, the Pep Club sponsored a short play on Friday, January 28. The cast was as follows: Chief, Bob Linthicum; Dennis, Bob Behr; Deputies, Wendell Bridges and Duane Shields; Coach, Phil Gates; Stranger, Dick Phillips; Basketball squad, John Spears as Bud Burnison, Reeves Adamson as Bud Larrance, Jim Apke as Don Moran, Jack Miller as Jack Herbert, and Charles Hooper as Bud Boblett. Don Burnett was the announcer, and the Pep Club represented the student body. Miss Clark directed the play.

Yes, indeedy, the Pep Clubbers did a good job of cheering the teams to victory and it is to be hoped that the Club next year will be as successful as the one this year.

SCHOOL BUS

ORF'S

Budweiser



A T H L E T I C S

First row, left to right—D. McConkey, L. Albers, O. Beesley, D. Hewerdine, N. Downing, P. Quinlan, J. Arnold, C. Armstrong, E. Early, L. Morgan, M. Bartell, Manager. *Second row, left to right*—B. Walsh, R. Smith, V. Ehler, J. Martin, R. Miller, G. Wood, J. Diskin, J. Funke, L. Trump, J. Klein, R. Davis, D. Bartell, M. Turrell, D. Taylor, R. J. Walston, Freshman-Sophomore Coach. *Third row, left to right*—P. Quinlan, Manager; J. Spears, L. Ruschel, J. Herbert, B. Burnison, B. May, P. Gates, B. Delva, B. Boblett, B. Waters, G. Sebastian, D. McGee, D. Burnett, P. Grovier. *Fourth row, left to right*—W. Walsh, Coach; B. Shinker, M. Webber, B. Edwards, M. Roy, G. Rewerts, H. Collins, J. Jones, A. Aden, G. Fiedler, J. Clifford, D. James, J. Miller, T. Johnson, D. Moran, D. Zolman, C. Van Auron, Assistant Coach. *Fifth row, left to right*—L. Etheridge, J. Rusk, D. Shields, J. Waters, M. Ackerman, L. Hendrickson, D. Logue, T. Murphy, J. Apke, B. Runyon, B. Wilde, C. Rollins.

Varsity Football

ACTION SHOTS

First row, left to right—D. McConkey, P. Quinlan, C. Leonard, L. Morgan, J. Smith, E. Early, N. Downing, B. Matteur. *Second row, left to right*—R. Hulett, R. Walsh, O. Beesley, L. Albers, L. Trump, S. Bryan, G. Wood, R. Adamson, D. McConkey, C. Green. *Third row, left to right*—D. Hewerdine, C. Armstrong, J. Diskin, B. Miller, B. Taylor, J. Klein, M. Turrell, R. Davis, B. Moch, V. Ehler, D. Bartell, J. Funke.

Fresh-Soph Football

ACTION SHOTS

RANTOUL VARSITY FOOTBALL BOX SCORE FOR 1948

Rantoul	45	Villa Grove	0
Rantoul	19	Paxton	6
Rantoul	6	Arcola	7
Rantoul	29	Watseka	20
Rantoul	6	Gibson City	12
Rantoul	47	Schlarman	18
Rantoul	53	LeRoy	0
Rantoul	13	Onarga Military	0

FOOTBALL SUMMARY

Rantoul-Villa Grove Game

In Rantoul's opening game, the Eagles flew over the Villa Grove team 45 to 0. Bud Boblett led the Eagle's rushing with 131 yards in 10 tries. Bud also scored touchdowns from the 2, 27, and 30.

Rantoul-Paxton Game

Against Paxton (Rantoul's closest rival) the Eagles won a 19 to 6 win. Neither team scored in the first half, battling it out in the middle of the field. The whole Rantoul offense caught fire during the second half, and pushed Paxton back at will. The final score was 19 to 6.

Rantoul-Arcola Game

Rantoul met its equal in this game, as the Purple Riders squeezed by on a seven to six win. The Eagles had a better passing and rushing total than the Arcolians, but Arcola's punting edged Rantoul's. Bud Boblett scored in the third quarter over left guard from the one. With less than five minutes to play in the last quarter, Coy of Arcola passed 6 yards to Wallace for a touchdown, and Lyons kicked the extra point.

Rantoul-Watseka Game

Rantoul won its third game of the year from Watseka, with very little trouble. Rantoul piled up points in every quarter for Watseka to shoot at, while Rantoul's subs were in the whole fourth quarter. Bud Boblett gained 99 yards for the Eagles. Ken Shropshire carried the pigskin for 98 yards in 7 tries for the visitors. The final score was 29 to 20. This was the highest total any team has scored upon Rantoul since the Gibson City game last year.

Rantoul-Gibson City Game

Rantoul lost its chance for the Wauseca Title by losing its second game of the season (its first Wauseca league game).

Bud Boblett, Don Burnett, and Jack Herbert stood out for the losing Eagles while Bill Rasmussen was the triple threat of the Greyhounds.

Gibson's team won by a score of 12 to 6.

Rantoul-Schlarman Game

Homecoming could not have been more cheerful after the complete and decisive battle against Schlarman of Danville. The score, 47 to 18, does not show the complete separation in the qualities of the two teams. This was because all their touchdowns were scored while the second and third teams were in the game for Rantoul.

Scoring touchdowns for the Eagles were: Bud Boblett from the 2, and a thrilling run from the 25 for 75 yards; Bill Delva around right end for 21 yards on a trap play and pass; Bud Burnison on passes from Bill Delva and Larry Ruschel for 11 and 19 yards respectively; Jack Herbert around right end from the 7; and Don Zolman from the 1-yard line .

Don Burnett made one gain of 39 yards and another for 31 yards that set up touchdowns for the others. Pat Birch also made a long run after his interception of Bratkowski's pass which he took for 69 yards.

Rantoul-Leroy Game

Rantoul easily won its fifth game of the season by romping over Leroy 53 to 0. Bud Boblett ran hog wild over the Leroy field scoring four touchdowns and three extra points to go to the head of the individual scoring in the Wauseca League.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Bill Delva twice, Gene Fiedler, and Don Zolman.

Rantoul-Onarga Military Game

Rantoul secured second place in the Wauseca League by beating Onarga Military 13 to 0. The game took place in a driving rain that greatly slowed down the Eagles, both on land and in the air. The game was a proving ground for Jack Herbert's drive as he ripped gain after gain for the Eagles. This was the last game of the season for the Eagles, and they finished the season with a very good record of 8 wins against 2 losses, one from a 1 point defeat from Arcola, and a 6-point defeat from Gibson City (who won the league title).

First row, left to right—T. Johnson, P. Grovier, J. Clifford, B. Larrance, G. Sebastian, J. Herbert, B. Boblett, D. Zehr. *Second row, left to right*—Coach Van Auron, Paul Quinlan, Manager; G. Philbrick, L. Shaffer, D. Zolman, D. McGee, D. Moran, L. Etheridge, B. Burnison, C. Rollins, J. Scott, Manager.

Varsity Basketball

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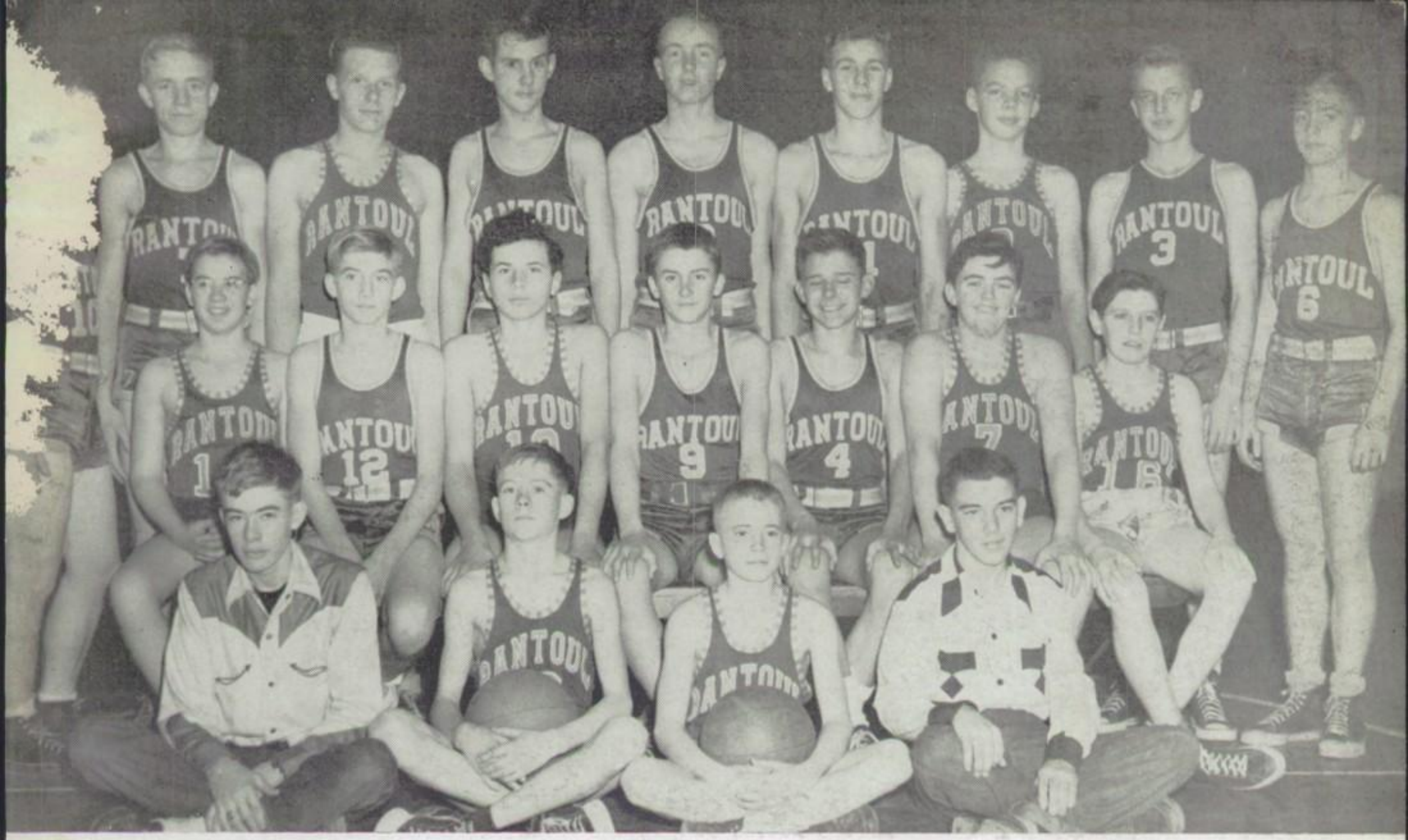

First row, left to right—L. Albers, Manager; E. Sergeant, D. McKonkey, C. Armstrong, Manager. *Second row, left to right*—R. Hulett, O. Beasley, L. Trump, C. Green, R. Adamson, B. Walsh, E. Early. *Third row, left to right*—J. Miller, G. Wood, R. Davis, J. Arnold, C. Hooper, V. Ehler, J. Doyle, J. Funke, S. Bryan.

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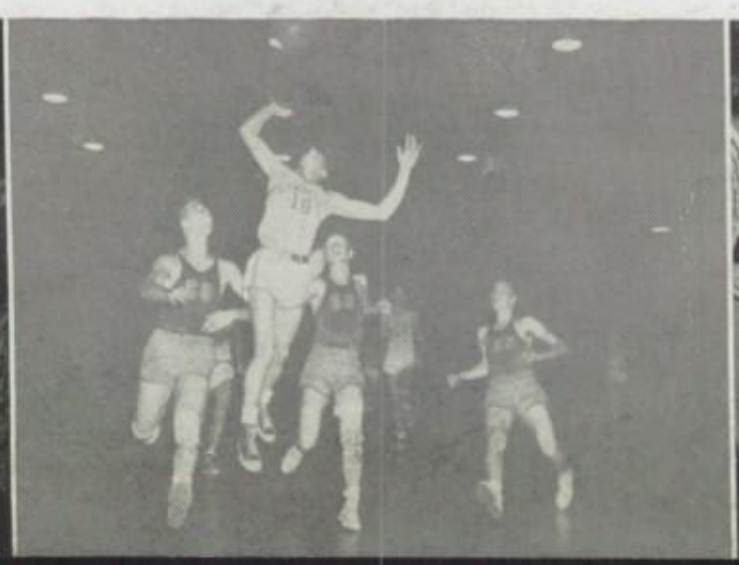

RANTOUL VARSITY BASKETBALL BOX SCORE FOR 1948-1949

Rantoul	30	Sidney	20
Rantoul	37	Monticello	39
Rantoul	44	Arcola	20
Rantoul	55	Homer	43
Rantoul	36	Urbana	39
Rantoul	51	Gibson City	33
Rantoul	47	Paxton	44
Rantoul	44	Onarga Military	35
Rantoul	36	Tuscola	48
Rantoul	44	Uni High	40
Rantoul	59	LeRoy	23
Rantoul	44	Watseka	46
Rantoul	45	Fisher	46
Rantoul	37	Schlarman (Danville)	33
Rantoul	49	Paxton	51
Rantoul	40	Gibson City	50
Rantoul	45	LeRoy	26
Rantoul	49	Onarga Military	48
Rantoul	49	Fisher	32
Rantoul	51	Watseka	30
Rantoul	57	Schlarman	47

Paxton Holiday Tournament

Rantoul	34	Farmer City	31
Rantoul	63	Saybrook	79

Champaign County Tournament

Rantoul	33	Longview	35

BASKETBALL SUMMARY

Basketball for the season 1948-1949 was a series of close games, with the Eagles usually coming out on the short end. The Eagles, at one time, lost three games in a row by a total of five points. From these many close games and losses, the spirit of the Eagles was never broken, because of the fine spirit of the students of Rantoul High, who urged them on to greater levels throughout the year.

Graduating this year we have one of the finest guards ever produced by Rantoul High in the personage of Jack Herbert. This boy could be counted upon at any time to come through with the needed basket, free throw, pass, or quick use of the mind as the situation might demand. Jack was elected to the first team of the Champaign County Tournament which was an honor well deserved. Jack led the team every game with his superb passing into our tall center, Don Moran, and to the other boys breaking into the basket or in a good position to shoot. If Jack could not shoot at all he would still be the most valued player on the squad for his superb ball handling. At many times, to show his adeptness at the art of making the basket, Jack would score 18, 19, and 20 points in the games. He was a leading factor in our wins, and the opponents' chief worry as to whether he would break up the ball game.

Another factor in a highly successful season, was our tall junior center, Don Moran. Many nights, Don completely controlled both bank-boards with his excellent rebounding. At the closing of the season, Don got a sprained ankle in a warm-up for the Schlarman game at Rantoul. The Eagles won this game, but Don was slowed down for the rest of the season because of the injury.

"Bud" Burnison is a forward on the team. He also helped the team out with his rebounding. Bud was a set-shot artist, and would get his share of the points every night. Bud is a senior, whose ability we shall miss very much in the future.

Bud Boblett was the stalwart guard who played opposite Jack Herbert. He has played with the varsity for two years now, and has his senior year yet to go. Bud is a fine ball handler and shot, although sometimes he didn't shoot enough, and will take over next year where Herbert has left off. Bud's specialty was to take a pass-off from one of the other boys on the team and dribble all the way into the basket and shoot. He accomplished this very easily, as he is a very quick starter and could be under the basket before his guard could get into position to cover him.

The fifth man on the team changed with nearly every game of the season, but it was confined to these boys: Bud Larrance, Gordy Sebastian, and Phil Grovier. The ability of these boys was about on a par.

A summary of the games of the season at the time of this writing follows: Our opener was with Sidney, and we won 30 to 20 in a game which reminded one of the football game two weeks hence.

We then traveled to Monticello to lose our second game by our first two-point score, 39 to 37. We won over Arcola easily 44 to 20, with the second team playing all the second half.

The next week we journeyed to Homer, where we defeated the previous year's Champaign County Champs, by a score of 55 to 43.

Our next game was played with Urbana at the Chanute Field Sports Arena, which accommodates over 1000 spectators. We lost this game, although it was a terrifically fought battle, 39 to 36.

Following our defeat from the hands of Urbana we bounded back to win over Gibson City 51 to 33. In this game we shot very well, making two fifths of our shots.

Then came our first meeting with Paxton, our perennial rival, whom we beat 47 to 44, after sustaining a late fourth quarter drive.

We then left the spacious building of the Sports Arena and held our next home game at our gym. This was with Onarga Military. We beat the Cadets 44 to 35.

In the Paxton Holiday Tournament, the Eagles fared well, winning second place. The first obstacle in their way was Schlarman of Danville, which the Eagles flew over at a high altitude, 57 to 46. Next was the favored winner of the tournament, Farmer City, but the Eagles squeezed past them 34 to 31, to advance to the Championship Game with Saybrook. It was here that the Eagles scored 63 points, the highest of the season to date, but lost to the high-shooting Saybrook, who had 79.

The next visitors to the high school gym were Corky Waters and the Tuscola team. In this game Corky scored 21 points and led the Tuscolians to a 48 to 36 victory.

Bounding back from the Tuscola game we beat the University High zone 44 to 23.

Leroy then came to Rantoul with no wins in the Wauseca League and left for home still with no wins in the League, because we handed them a sound whipping 59 to 40.

We piled in the bus for the long trek to Watseka and came back very dejected after losing an overtime battle 46 to 44.

The next week was the County Tournament in which we played Longview and lost another close game 35 to 33.

In our first game after the county we played Fisher at Fisher and the Bunnies handed us our third straight loss in an overtime 46 to 45, but we were geting closer to a win.

Schlarman came to Rantoul and played us the second time of the season and we broke their eight-game winning streak by the score of 37 to 33.

Then to Paxton where the gymnasium was packed to see the Eagles and the Mustangs play for the second time of the season. The Mustangs won, 51 to 49, but only after Jack Herbert had given them a bad scare.

Rantoul's standing in the Wauseca League at the time of this writing is third, with a slight chance of a three-way tie for first with Paxton and Gibson City.

Varsity Track

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Track

Varsity Track

April 9—Rantoul 72; Paxton 45

April 13—Rantoul 32; Urbana 81

April 16—Rantoul 39; Champaign 74

April 20—Rantoul 70; Fisher 42

April 27—Rantoul 51; Onarga Military 67

May 12—Champaign County Track Meet: Rantoul won first place with Fisher second.

May 19—Wauseca League Meet, with Onarga Military winning, and Rantoul in second place.

The track team of Rantoul Township High School had another successful track season in 1948. The Eagles won the Champaign County and second in the Wauseca conference.

The season was opened with an intra-mural meet between the four classes. The juniors came out on top with 93 1/2 points followed by the seniors with 48 1/3 and then the sophomores with 22 1/4.

The Eagles had five dual meets, winning two and losing three. They won from Paxton and

Fisher, while losing to Champaign, Urbana, and Onarga Military.

The first dual meet was held with Paxton on April 9, with Rantoul winning 72 1/3 to 45 2/3. Next, on April 13, a dual meet with Urbana was held at Urbana with Urbana winning 81 to 32.

On April 16, the Eagles travelled to Champaign and came out on the short end by a score of 74 to 39. On April 20, Rantoul was host to Fisher, and won by a score of 70 6/7 to 42 1/7. The last dual meet was held on April 27, with Onarga Military, and the Eagles lost by a score of 67 to 51.

With the dual meets over, Rantoul was host for the Champaign County Track Meet. In the Champaign County, Rantoul won, with Fisher taking second.

On May 19, the Wauseca League Meet was held at Rantoul, with Onarga Military winning, and Rantoul second.

New this year was Rantoul's performance in the Normal Relays at Normal, Illinois. The Eagles were a class B school, and got fourth place.

Freshman and Sophomore Track Schedule

The Freshmen-Sophomore track team had a successful season. Highlight of the season was the Invitational Meet held May 20 at the high school track.

Following are the scores for each team:

Champaign—60 2/5

Rantoul—40

Gibson City—35

Tolono—35 1/2

O.M.S.—13

LeRoy—10 1/2

Mahomet—1 1/5

New records were set in the shot, 100-yard dash, pole vault, and the 120-yard dash.

CHEERLEADERS

The cheerleaders, who have done much for the morale of the team members in all sports, rate the fifteen "rahs" they have given so many times at our games. The cheerleaders consist of six girls; 2 sophomores, 2 juniors, and 2 seniors. Rita Sheehan, a senior and the leader of the girls, will have her last year of cheering this year. Rita has cheered 3 years and has done a wonderful job. The other senior girl, Barbara Leonard, also has cheered 3 years. She, too, has done splendid work in keeping the school spirit high. Romaine Simenson, a junior, came to R.T.H.S. in September of '47 and became a cheerleader the same year. Romaine has been a cheerleader for 2 years. Dorothy Martin, junior, became a cheerleader this year. She has been very successful and well liked. Dona Shaede, sophomore, began cheering the latter part of '47 and continued cheering this year. She has made a very fine cheerleader. This is Barbara Wittenmeier's second year of cheerleading, and she is a great help. The girls have done a good job of keeping spirit high among spectators at the games. They have composed many new yells this year, and were supervised by Miss Elizabeth Clark.

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